

Between the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct  
and the Director of Central Intelligence

1. The Central Intelligence Agency will cooperate fully in the investigation being conducted by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (HCSOC) pursuant to House Resolution 252, 95th Congress, by providing access to information, including information designated for protection from unauthorized disclosure by the Director of Central Intelligence, ("CIA material"), as requested. CIA material will be made available as expeditiously and completely as feasible, subject to the responsibility of the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) to protect intelligence sources and methods. CIA will appropriately sanitize such material, excising portions if necessary, to assure protection of information identifying intelligence sources and methods. No document or portion of a document will be withheld without appropriate acknowledgement of that action to HCSOC staff personnel. The HCSOC reserves the right to object to any excision which appears to be excessive.

2. The CIA element responsible for dealing with the HCSOC is the Coordination and Review Staff of the Office of Legislative Counsel ("CRS/OLC"). All HCSOC requests for CIA material will be conveyed to CIA only via the CRS/OLC.

3. All HCSOC requests for CIA material will be in writing. In the interest of timely response, CRS/OLC will accept preliminary telephone or other oral requests, but no material can be made available until a written request is received from either the Chairman, the Ranking Minority Member, the Special Counsel, the Chief Counsel or the Staff Director.

*Att A defines the necessary procedure for obtaining such clearances.*

4. Access by the HCSOC staff to CIA material will be granted only to persons who have current CIA security clearances. HCSOC staff personnel having access to CIA material will <sup>have</sup> execute a secrecy agreement mutually acceptable to HCSOC and CIA.

5. Any material to which access is granted by CIA will be reviewed in a CIA reading room set aside for this purpose. Notes taken by HCSOC personnel will be subject to review and sanitization by CIA personnel. CIA will, on a case-by-case basis, consider requests for the temporary removal of documents or materials from CIA premises. When this is done, CIA couriers will deliver the materials to the HCSOC each morning and return the materials to CIA custody each evening. The HCSOC reserves all of its legal rights concerning the production of information.

6. HCSOC security personnel will assure proper protection and control of such materials while in the custody of HCSOC. HCSOC procedures for access, control and storage of any CIA materials requiring protection will follow security standards established in consultation with and approved by CIA.

7. Appointments with CIA employees ordinarily will be arranged through the Coordination and Review Staff. CIA will also attempt to contact former employees and arrange for interviews with them. Interviews, including the taking of sworn statements, will be conducted in a CIA conference room set aside for this purpose. When a sworn statement is to be taken, a stenotypist from either the HCSOC or CIA will make a verbatim record. One copy of the record will be made available to HCSOC and the other to CIA.

8. There will be no public disclosure of CIA material made available to the HCSOC prior to consultation with the DCI and a reasonable opportunity for a security review. Any objections to public disclosure will be

communicated to the HCSOC within five working days of receipt of notice from the HCSOC that public disclosure is being considered. If, after receipt of the objections, the HCSOC determines that there is a compelling need to make public disclosure of the information in the performance of its responsibilities, and if the DCI continues to oppose disclosure, the DCI will submit the matter to the President. The Committee will accept a determination by the President that disclosure would be likely to cause a grave injury to national defense or foreign relations or to compromise sources and methods of intelligence gathering, and that such injury outweighs the Committee's explanation of public interest in disclosure.

9. Please see Attachment A for [recommended] procedures for acquiring <sup>obtaining</sup> access to CIA material.

For the HCSOC:

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Chairman Date

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Ranking Minority Member Date

For CIA:

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Director of Central Intelligence Date

Attachment A

The following are CIA's recommended procedures for the clearances of staff employees of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (HCSOC):

1. The Committee should request the FBI to conduct background investigations, to include National Agency checks, on staff members requiring access.
2. The investigatory standard for the conduct of the FBI investigations should be DCID 1/14, dated 13 May 1976.
3. When HCSOC has made a determination as to employability, the FBI investigative reports should be forwarded to CIA by the Committee for adjudication of access eligibility according to the standards of DCID 1/14, dated 13 May 1976.
4. The Committee will be notified in writing by CIA concerning the results of the adjudication of access eligibility and the FBI reports will be returned to the Committee at that time.
5. Once the Committee employee is approved for access, a secrecy agreement acceptable to the DCI will be executed by that individual and a copy furnished to CIA.